

OF THE WEEK FROM OVER WORLD

HAPPENINGS IN OUR OWN AND OTHER COUNTRIES BRIEFLY TOLD.

SHORT ITEMS FOR BUSY MEN

Week's News Condensations Reviewed Without Comment—All Nations Find Something to Gally and Instruct.

Howard Smith, a young attorney, son of Judge Walter I. Smith of the United States circuit court of appeals, was found dead at Council Bluffs, Ia., from a bullet wound in his temple, inflicted by himself.

The fishing schooner John G. Whitten was wrecked, with the loss of sight of her crew, near Tarpon Springs, by the hurricane that struck the Florida coast.

The British vessel Mimosa has been sunk by a German submarine.

The body of Earl Donaldson, who was murdered by the Mexicans near Brownsville, Tex., was taken to Montgomery City, Mo., for burial.

A Boston terrier belonging to Ehrman Goodway of Helena, Ark., was successfully operated on for appendicitis.

A German airplane of the condor type established a new world's record at the Rottapausen flying grounds, carrying four persons up 3,200 meters (10,499 feet). The previous record was 3,050 meters (10,006 feet).

Wu Chao Chu, a son of Dr. Wu Ting Fang, former minister to the United States, has been named councillor in the foreign office.

A \$300 contribution to the treasury conscience fund was received from a Maine woman, who wrote that she wished to pay the duty on clothes smuggled into the country 20 years ago.

Indictments charging Dr. Bryce Sprayberry, a physician, and John Omer, of Deatur, Ga., with poisoning William Sprayberry, an aged farmer, and his wife, near Killenwood in November, 1916, were returned by the DeKalb county grand jury. The indictments are said to be based on an alleged confession made last May by Dr. Sprayberry, who was ill and believed he was in a dying condition.

English money is lower than at any other period of history.

Funds of the Southern Missouri Trust Co. of Springfield, Mo., which moved its banking headquarters Sept. 1, are secure not only against robbers, but against banking officials, it has become known. The combination, carefully typewritten, was by mistake tumbled up in the safe with the money.

A love-crazed Italian laborer, Frank Grammo, shot and killed Levin T. Robinson, his wife, Della Robinson, and Alonzo Redden, a farmer, at Snow Hill, Md.

"Goethals' day," in honor of Major General George W. Goethals, was celebrated Sept. 7 at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Princess Adalbert, wife of the third son of the German emperor, gave birth to a daughter Saturday. The child died.

All but 14 of the 500 buildings on the island of Cayman Bras were destroyed by the hurricane of last month.

One hundred and twenty-eight students of the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris, have been killed in the war up to date.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy against the Chicago, St. Louis & Gulf Transportation Co., which operates steamboats between La Salle and Peru, Ill., and St. Louis and New Orleans, was filed in the United States district court at Chicago, and a receiver was appointed. Decrease in traffic due to the Eastland disaster is given by Michael Geana, attorney for the petitioners, as one of the causes of the troubles.

A German airplane, flying at a great height, appeared over Chavennes, France. The aviator dropped a wreath which bore the inscription: "To Peugeot, who died like a hero. From his adversary."

William L. Moss, attorney-general of Arkansas since 1912, is dead of heart disease. He was 53 years old.

London insurance writers were betting 10 to 1 that America will not go to war with Germany before Oct. 30, and 5 to 1 that the two countries will not be at war before Dec. 30.

As a result of Chief of Police Healey's "clean-up" order to his captains, 659 men and women have been arrested in Chicago.

Fire resulting from an explosion of natural gas caused a loss of business property estimated at \$75,000 at Topeka, Kan.

Edward B. Moore, 63, former United States commissioner of patents, is dead.

Most of the sectarian schools and colleges of Italy have dismissed their classes and closed their doors to students until the end of the war.

Results of experiments with five motor trucks show employer by American agent. Results in Haiti will determine whether motor cars to replace horses in the future in hauling the artillery.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION HAS SELECTED KANSAS CITY, MO., FOR THE NEXT MEETING PLACE.

The two days' strike at the National Equipment company's plant, Springfield, Mass., has been settled, the company conceding the men's demand.

Dr. George Haseltine, for many years one of the leading patent lawyers of the world, died from injuries received last week when he fell out of bed.

David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Stanford university, advocated changing the naturalization laws of the United States so as to admit Chinese and Japanese to citizenship.

Edward Stephens, a farmer living near Chickasha, Ok., is in jail for the murder of his cousin, Oscar Stephens, four years ago.

The war department ordered Lieut. L. L. Goodier, judge advocate general's office, Pacific coast division, court-martialed on charges of conduct prejudicial to the service.

Carrying out orders of the Breathitt (Ky.) circuit court, physicians exhumed the body of Mrs. Polly Davis of Portsmouth, so that an examination may be made for poison.

Elmer N. Hancock, for more than 30 years editor of the Savannah (Ga.) Morning News, was found dead in bed at his home.

The city of Centralia, Ill., is facing one of the most serious propositions with which it ever has had to contend, as a result of voting "dry" last May.

Chicago's population is now 2,550,000. This is the estimate prepared by the publishers of the 1915 directory upon a showing of 1,081,195 names listed.

Harry Knapp, who until May 1 was city tax collector of Lincoln, Ill., was arrested, charged with embezzling \$2,347.24 in municipal funds.

William Moon, an employe, was killed and one of the six wheel mills of the Western Powder company's plant, 15 miles west of Peoria, Ill., was wrecked by an explosion.

The Russian steamer Dwinsk, from Archangel, reported being detained six days outside of Archangel while travelers swept German mines from the channel.

Mrs. Ruth Young Ward, 24 years old, wife of Sibley L. Ward, and of a prominent Little Rock family, was instantly killed when an automobile she was driving toppled over a steep embankment.

The war office has announced that in the Zeppelin raids over England bombs were dropped on docks and other pier establishments in London and vicinity. The German airships returned safely.

Miss Estella Lawson Lindsay, the city's lone councilwoman, was acting mayor of the city recently. This is the first time, so far as known, that a woman has acted as the head of a municipality the size of Los Angeles.

William Cullen Rudd, brother-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, is dead at his home in Cleveland, O.

Four children of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wolfsohn were burned in their home south of Lorette, Manitoba.

A. Y. Anderson, deputy collector of customs at Astoria, Ore., his bride of a few weeks, his mother, Mrs. Margaret Anderson, and a cousin, Aaron Anderson, were killed when their automobile was struck by a train.

Four hundred employes of the American Graphophone company at Bridgeport, Conn., voted to give the company 24 hours' notice that they would strike unless a 20 per cent increase in wages was granted.

Italy has declared cotton contraband of war, a Rome dispatch announces.

Francis Burton Harrison, governor-general of the Philippines, said in reply to ex-President William H. Taft's criticism that he attached no importance to Taft's statements.

As a result of his infatuation for Tillie Wheeler, 16 years old, George Webster of Philadelphia, 60 years old, committed suicide by hanging himself in a jail cell.

Robert Mudge of Philadelphia, 55 years old, cashier of the Counties Gas and Electric company, killed himself on the eve of his wedding to Miss Mary McCully.

Mrs. Polly Anne Weed Strodes, known as "Marrying Polly," because she had been married 13 times, is dead at Evansville, Ind., at the age of 69 years.

The steamer Manuel Calvo, which arrived from Vera Cruz, brought 455 Spanish refugees from Mexico who left their homes because they faced starvation.

War is driving more women to cosmetics. A London cosmetic manufacturer says rouge is now used freely by women who looked on make-up of any kind as in bad taste a year ago.

Foes of the cigarette lost a notable battle in the Alabama legislature when the senate, by a vote of 17 to 16, refused to prohibit "pill" smoking.

Official warning has been issued to the people of Germany not to answer questions about the status of German Finlands.

Flintus W. Hammons, a grocer, was shot and killed from a clump of trees just outside his grocery store in the outskirts of the city. Hammons was alone in the store at the time.

One enlisted man was killed and two injured in an explosion on the destroyer Decatur at the Cavite navy yard, Philippine islands.

FRENCH SHIP AFIRE IN MID-ATLANTIC

SANTA ANA LADEN WITH SUPPLIES FOR ALLIES CALLS HELP.

ITALIAN RESERVISTS ABOARD

Sailed From New York on September 8 and Was Bound for Naples—Carried no Munitions of War, Chiefly Foodstuffs.

Halifax, Nova Scotia.—The French steamer Santa Ana is on fire at sea, according to a wireless message received by the marine department from the Cape Race station.

The message said: "Steamer Santa Ana in distress, on fire and in need of assistance. Position latitude 40:23 north; longitude 67:30 west."

The position given is in the track of transatlantic liners.

The Santa Ana registers 5,814 tons and is owned by the Fabre Line. Capt. Pavy is in command. She is bound from New York to Mediterranean ports.

Reservists Aboard.

New York.—Between 1,600 and 1,700 Italian reservists are passengers on board the Fabre line steamer Santa Ana, bound from New York for Mediterranean ports, and reported afire at the Cape Race station.

The ship also carries a large cargo of merchandise.

The Santa Ana carried no munitions of any kind, according to Howard E. Jones, a member of the firm of local agents. Her cargo consisted chiefly of foodstuffs.

Nearly all of the Italian reservists were among the steerage passengers. Jones stated, there being comparatively few first and second class cabin passengers.

Jones said that the position of the vessel, as given in the wireless message, would put her about 950 miles southeast of Halifax, or nearly in mid-ocean.

The Santa Ana, he said, sailed from this port on September 9. She was due to reach Naples, her first stop, in ten days and a half to eleven days.

"The Santa Ana carried no munitions of war," said Jones. "In fact, the Fabre line has not been carrying any arms or ammunition to ports in the Mediterranean touched by its steamers. I cannot understand the cause of the fire. Her merchandise cargo was made up of foodstuffs and provisions."

Reside the number of Italian reservists aboard the Santa Ana, the ship carried a small number of first and second class passengers. Her crew numbered about 100.

Mexican Votes Lost.

Corpus Christi, Texas.—Testifying in the United States district court here in the election fraud cases, Matt Dunn told of alleged conversation with Tom Dunn, a defendant, concerning buying Mexican vote. He said he asked "how much are Mexican votes worth today?" To this Tom Dunn, who is his cousin, replied, "A little cheaper; between \$2 and \$3."

Foes Is Charged With Libel.

Boston, Mass.—A summons charging criminal libel against former Gov. Eugene N. Foss, one of the candidates for Republican nomination for governor, was issued by the municipal criminal court at the request of Dennis D. Driscoll, secretary of the Trades Union Liberty League.

Not to Be Wrapped in Cotton.

Paris.—A semi-official note from the war office recalls to the public that this department recently advised persons who send parcels to prisoners of war in Germany to pack the objects in cotton, for the purpose of better protection. The public is now advised not to use cotton in this manner, but wrap the parcels in paper.

Author of Esperanto Found.

Washington.—Ambassador Gerard advised the state department that Dr. L. L. Zamenhof, the author of Esperanto, and his wife, who have been missing several months, are in good health in Warsaw.

Damages "Republican Oak."

Jackson, Mich.—One of the historic oaks under which the Republican party came into being here in 1854, was seriously damaged in the recent storm which swept this section of Michigan.

Father and Son Killed.

Mason City, Ia.—John B. Beach and son, August, were killed in an automobile accident near Whittemore. The auto plunged over an embankment and the men were caught beneath.

Boat Funeral in Flood Region.

Ottawa, Kan.—The Marais Des Cygnes River was falling and the flood waters were receding from bottom lands. Because of the high water at Rantoul, 10 miles from Ottawa, it was necessary to hold a boat funeral.

Decorations for John D. Nish, Serbia.—The decoration of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Sava has been conferred upon John D. Rockefeller, in recognition of the relief work done by the Rockefeller Foundation in Serbia.

Mosquitoes Hurting School.

Poplar Bluff, Mo.—The attendance at schools in the southern part of the county has been reduced one-half, owing to the large number of mosquitoes which have gathered since the recent flood.

Judge Hurt in Runaway Die.

GOOD ROADS TO FAIR

The State Highway Department Issues Call for Drags in Central Missouri.

WILL PUT ROADS IN FINE SHAPE

Board Expects Thousands From All Parts of State to Motor to Big Show at Sedalia.

A special call has been sent out by the state highway department for road dragging all over Central Missouri in the ten days from September 15 to September 25. The reason—the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia.

Hundreds go to Missouri's big fair by motor car each year, but this year the fair board expects thousands to take in the fair that way. Monday, September 27, has been set aside as State Good Roads Day at the fair and a call is going out for road boosters, the state over, to be present on that day.

State Highway Commissioner Frank W. Bufum is sending out a bulletin asking all the counties to drag their roads the week beginning September 15 so the surface will be packed and in good shape for the fair tourists. The bulletin asks that special attention be paid to the county seat highways. Continuing, it says:

All road corners where view is obstructed by brush, hedges or otherwise, should be cleared, as also approaches to bridges, and weeds cut away showing the ends of culverts. Where there are mud holes or fixed up at once, as well as all bad culverts and those that are too high or too low.

On Good Roads Day at the fair, it is planned to have representatives of each state highway present tell of the work that has been done on the highways. State plans for good roads also will be discussed. A big feature of the day will be the exhibit of road machinery. All kinds of tractors, graders and similar machinery will be on exhibition in actual operation. County courts will attend from several counties with a view of buying the best for their counties.

October 4 Will Be Missouri Day.

Monday, October 4, will be Missouri day throughout the state. The last legislature named the first Monday in October as a day to be observed in all the schools and institutions in honor of the state. Howard Gass, state superintendent of schools, and Floyd Shumaker, secretary of the Missouri State Historical Society, are co-operating with Mrs. Anna B. Korn of Trenton, chairman of the Missouri day committee, in an effort to have the date generally observed.

Wild Bees Stormed a Town.

Rich Hill was much alive the other morning for fifteen minutes, when a swarm of wild bees took possession of Park avenue, running the residents to cover. The swarm finally settled on a bright green chataqua pennant that streamed across the street. The bees were finally hived by a practical beekeeper.

Rabbi Rosenfeld Is Dead.

Rabbi Rosenfeld, 69 years old and for a quarter of a century the senior rabbi of St. Louis is dead. He was born in Turkish Russia and became a rabbi when 15 years old. His Hebrew library is considered one of the most extensive and most valuable in the country.

A Boone Pioneer, Dead.

James Cox, 78 years old, a pioneer of Boone County, is dead at Columbia.

73 Years in One County.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crowder, living near Gentryville, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, have probably spent more years in Gentryville than any other couple. Crowder was born in the southern part of the county seventy-three years ago, and although he has traveled extensively, he has always claimed the county as his home.

Pettis Road Prize Awarded.

E. S. Stewart, overseer of District No. 15, on the Lookout Road, has been awarded the cash prize of \$10 offered by Pettis county to the overseer who did the most road improvement work on good roads days, August 19 and 20. Stewart had twenty-two men engaged in work, full time, both days.

Dies of His Injuries.

Birdie G. Wright of Grant City, treasurer of Worth county, died in a hospital at Marysville from injuries received when his automobile skidded and turned over five miles east of that place.

Buried with Masonic Rites.

The funeral of Judge John C. Brown, the only Republican member of the Missouri supreme court, who died in St. Louis recently, took place at the Pilgrim Congregational church. The services were under the auspices of the Masonic order.

Judge Brown Dead.

Judge John C. Brown of the Missouri Supreme Court died recently at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis. His illness was attributed to overwork on the supreme bench.

Died at G. A. R. Gathering.

W. S. Hatfield of Galena, Kan., a member of the G. A. R., died in Lakeside Park in Webb City at the annual district G. A. R. gathering. His death was due to heart disease. Mr. Hatfield was 80 years old.

Killed by Runaway Horse.

Joseph Flood, a pioneer of Montgomery county, was killed at Montgomery by a runaway horse. He was an experienced horseman and was exercising the animal hitched to a cart when he met his death.

MUST RETURN STATE'S CASH

Expense Allowance for Investigating Committees Is Illegal, Treasurer Deal Tells Various Chairmen.

There probably will be no more senate investigating commissions as a result of a conference at Kansas City recently. At this meeting E. P. Deal, state treasurer, let it be known to the chairmen of the commissions appointed by the last senate that unless the money appropriated to defray the expenses of those commissions was returned to the state at once suits would be instituted to recover it.

It had been the custom for the senate by resolution to create commissions of its members to investigate certain legislative subjects and report back proposed legislation to the next legislature. The senate of 1913 created several such commissions and the money to defray their expenses was paid without question. The past senate created five commissions, but a storm of protest arose from certain house members of the administration.

It was charged by members of the administration that the commissions were merely "junketing committees." Attorney General Parker gave an opinion that the senate could not legally appropriate money by a resolution of that house alone. That reversed the previous ruling of that office.

The warrants had already been approved by State Auditor Gordon and the money paid to the chairman of the various committees by Mr. Deal, the treasurer. As soon as the commissioners learned that the legality of the appropriations had been questioned, they held their money intact awaiting a final decision upon what course to pursue.

In all, \$17,000 was appropriated to cover the expenses of the senate commissions. Attorney General John T. Barker attended the conference. He said that he had nothing to do with the matter at all unless Treasurer Deal asked him to institute suits to get the money back in the treasury.

MISSOURI CROPS IRREGULAR

State Has Raised More Corn and Oats, But Less Wheat This Year Than Last.

This has been the most difficult year in the history of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture to estimate crop conditions and yields according to monthly report issued recently.

Condition of corn for the state is now 75.4 as compared with 73.6 a month ago, and 56.8 a year ago. By sections, conditions are: Northeast, 65; Northwest, 74; Central, 86; Southwest, 77; Southeast, 75. The present prospect is for a crop of about 200 million bushels, 25 million more than last year.

About 80 per cent of the crop will be out of danger from frost by October 1. The average date of the first frost killing for Central Missouri is October 14. One per cent of the corn has been cut. Flood and wind have caused heavy losses, more recently in Southeast Missouri, where the prospect for a bumper crop had been the best.

With thousands of acres of wheat yet to be threshed the estimated yield is 12 bushels to the acre; Northeast, 15.5; Northwest, 12.5; Central, 11; Southwest, 8.2; Southeast, 12.2. Continued wet weather has delayed threshing in many localities until now shocks, stacks and rick are green-sprouted wheat, much of which has been so damaged that it will be almost a total loss. The state's crop promises to be 27,000,000 bushels, 9% million bushels less than last year.

To Burn Henry County Bonds.

The citizens of Henry County met at Clinton recently and set October 9 to celebrate the burning of the last of the old railroad bonds of that county.

Widow Wins Will Suit.

The fight of the widow and two children to break the will of George W. Benson of Mokane, who committed suicide last May, leaving an estate valued at \$20,000, was successful in the circuit court at Fulton the other day when a jury declared that Benson was insane at the time he drew the will. Through the terms of his will practically all the estate was to go to two other children at the death of the widow. The defendants appealed to the supreme court.

Sedalia Bazaar Revived.

Conducted for many years—and successfully—as a daily newspaper, the Bazaar of Sedalia, which was discontinued several years ago, has been revived in new form by its founder and editor, J. West Goodwin. It now is a tabloid publication, issued monthly.

Killed by Engine Explosion.

Charles Selvidge, stationary engineer, was killed by the explosion of his engine. Selvidge was running a mill north of Keytesville when the fatal accident occurred.

Choose Big Four Trail Route.

At a largely attended meeting of the Missouri division of the Big Four Trail at Brookfield, the connecting link between Brookfield and Hannibal was located along the Burlington Railroad, following the same route as the Mark Twain Trail from Kansas City to Hannibal.

Case County Judge Dead.

John W. Urton, 73 years old, died at Harrisonville the other day. He formerly was presiding judge of the county court.

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AID IN IRRIGATION

Effective Work That Is Done by the Beaver.

Forest Rangers Have Orders to Protect the Little Animals, Which Are of Great Value in Conserving Water Supply.

The beaver is solving one of the problems which has proved most vexing to engineers since irrigation became prominent in the West, declares a writer in the Technical World Magazine. That is the problem of water supply; for while engineers can construct dams and ditches, they usually must rely upon nature to furnish the water for the project. And that is where the beaver helps—he sees to it that the supply of water is maintained.

The beaver does not intend, perhaps, to do all this; he is simply interested in securing a lake in which to live. But while he serves his own ends up in the mountains, he also impounds enough water to insure a constant supply for irrigation projects, and that is why he has won governmental favor. Officers of the forest service, who are doing all in their power to protect the beavers, and scientists of the geological survey, who have studied the work of the animals, say there is no doubt but that these beaver lakes will be of great practical value.

A typical case is that of the Rio San Antonio on the Carson National forest in New Mexico. This river flows through a wide fertile valley, which has been but partly taken up by homesteaders. At its very source, as the site had been chosen by a trained engineer, a large beaver colony has built its dams and impounded enough water to irrigate several thousand acres.

Rincon de Lagunitas (corner of little lakes), the Mexicans call this spot, which is unique in several ways. It is an old glacial cirque, cut into the top of the range as though with a great curved spade, leaving a wall of white cliff, tipped with spruce forest. Within this natural amphitheater, containing perhaps a section of land, are numerous rounded, grassy knolls of glacial drift, with scattered clumps of spruce and aspen among them. A dozen rills, headwaters of the Rio San Antonio, rise here.

It is an ideal stronghold for the beavers. None of the streams is more than a foot wide, but the beavers seem to prefer these rills to the larger streams lower down. The groves supply abundant food and building material. The aspen bark seems to be the beavers' staple grocery, while all of his building is done with aspen timber from which the last shred of bark has been removed. Nothing is wasted, and that is a point in his favor when his work is compared with that of humans.

Three years ago there were half a dozen ponds, the largest perhaps twenty feet wide, in the Rincon. Last summer the change was almost incredible.

A chain of lakes had been created in this land of little water. The largest was about two hundred yards in length and half as wide, while there were

Hard to Stop.

"Pa, what is meant by 'freedom of the seas'?"

"It means that a nation's merchant ships have a right to go anywhere they please."

"Do they do that, pa?"

"No, my son. There is no such thing as 'freedom of the seas nowadays,' except for icebergs."

Peter's Version.

On the last day of school prizes were distributed at Peter's school. When the little boy returned home the mother was examining callers.

"Well, Peter," asked one of the callers, "did you get a prize?"

"No," replied Peter, "but I got a horrible mention." — Philadelphia Ledger.

His Mild Request.

"My dear," he began mildly.

"Well," she snapped.

"I don't mind your borrowing my Panama hat. But when you return it please remove the veil and the hatpins. I don't care to wear such equipment downtown again." — Louisville Courier-Journal.

Club Prognostications.

"I think it will rain before I get home."

"I know it will rain when I get there."

His View.

Optimist—What do you consider the greatest thing that ever happened?

Pessimist—It hasn't.—Pack.



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